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CANTON'S CHINA NEW YEAR PROSPECTS.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Kwangsi Faction and Ironsides May Unite.

AGENTS IN SOUTHERN CAPITAL NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE.

That a new government is likely to be formed in Canton before China New Year is the opinion of observers and those connected with political developments.

Having been found wanting in their ability to keep down the Communists, the Ironsides have lost considerable prestige despite the fact that the Reds were quickly subdued.

However, the principal honours of the struggle with the Communists fall to General Li Fook-lum of the 5th Army who has ever been a "negative factor" in Canton politics, taking the line of least resistance and associating himself with the strongest so as to preserve his own interests.

LI FOKK-LUM'S PART.

It is General Li Fook-lum who may be the corner-stone of a new administration, or at least the go-between in a patched-up understanding between contending factions.

Their own strength is not more than 20,000 men all told and the Ironsides realise their own shortcomings.

At present they have men up the West River and along the East River keeping an eye on the Kwangsi troops who belong to the faction overthrown in November by the Ironsides.

Old Friends Shake Hands?

Political agents are known to be negotiating for peace between the Ironsides and the Kwangsiites, writes the "China Mail" special correspondent. Firm friends until they squabbled over power, there is no reason why General Chang Fah-kuei of the Ironsides should not shake hands again with General Li Chai-sum and General Wong Shiu-hung of the Kwangsi faction.

The political grandees who had previously sponsored, if not encouraged, the Ironsides are known as the Canton faction of the Nationalist Party, their leader being Mr. Wang Ching-wei. Mr. Wang and his supporters have been snubbed in Shanghai and the Ironsides may soon be left to their own devices.

Significant Dismissal.

Of considerable significance is the mandate issued by the Branch Political Council in Canton—nominally the highest civil authority there—dismissing the three highest officers of the Ironsides and the leading politician. The Ironsides still wield the power in Canton and it cannot be assumed for a moment that shame over the Red coup has caused them to bow their heads. There is something further.

The Ironsides may be in real danger of defeat by the Kwangsi troops who are now regaining strength. But there is a greater likelihood of a coalition being evolved out of the chaos.

Paperside Chief's Part.

General Li Fook-lum, whose army is known as the Papersides, is the central figure. Prestige has come to him for taking the lion's share in restoring order in Canton. It is true that he turned over to the Ironsides when the latter delivered a coup against the Kwangsi faction but he has changed colour so often that he is never taken to task for doing so.

Best informed circles predict that the alliance will certainly include General Li Fook-lum (acting from within Canton), the more moderate elements of the Ironsides (who will make terms for themselves) and the Kwangsi faction (which is trying to come back from without).

AT SWATOW.

Effect of General's Reported Arrival.

With considerable effect on political developments at Canton, General Chen Ming-shu is reported to have arrived at Swatow from Shanghai and Amoy.

This general, formerly served General Li Chai-sum, one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi military faction. Holding equal rank

"TIGER BALM."

Charge of Copyright Infringement.

DEFENDANT'S UNDERTAKING.

Difficulties Of Getting Back Goods Now On Market.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., in a case in which a Chinese firm of medicine vendors are charged with infringing. Messrs. Watson's "Tiger Balm" mark on some preparations marketed by the defendants.

Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Armstrong told the Magistrate that the defendants had undertaken to remove certain advertisements in newspapers relating to the goods complained of and to get back all the goods disposed of by the defendants and turn them over to the Police.

One Advertisement.

A part of the undertaking had been carried out, but Counsel understood that the defendants had not been able to remove one of the advertisements, the paper concerned refusing to remove it as their advertisement had been inserted on the instruction of the owner of the

When Canton Went "Red."

Page nine of this issue of the "China Mail" is devoted to exclusive pictures relating to last week-end's happenings in Canton, when Communists seized the City, putting many citizens to death and looting on a wholesale scale.

goods in Singapore. It was also understood that the defendants could not get back all the goods sold to dealers. In the circumstances, Mr. Armstrong asked for the defendants' conviction.

Mr. Davidson argued that that was a criminal proceeding, and as such the defence was entitled to time to prepare its case, and they asked for a fortnight's time in which to secure evidence from outside the Colony.

Made a Bargain.

Mr. Davidson went on to say that when time was asked for to prepare the defence, his friend made a bargain with the defendants about the removal of the advertisements and the recovery of the goods disposed of. Counsel said that the prosecution had no right to impose conditions of that kind.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the undertaking was made by Mr. Owen of Mr. Davidson's office.

Mr. Davidson replied that the defendants were prepared to go as far as they could to withdraw the advertisements, and had done so in six cases, but in the case of the seventh paper that had not been successful because the advertisement had been ordered by the owner of the goods, and the defendants, of course, could not force the paper concerned to withdraw the ad-

His Own Remedy.

With regard to the withdrawal of the goods from the market, Mr. Davidson said that when Mr. Owen gave the undertaking he did not understand that the defendants were expected to go about buying back the goods at retail prices, and at the same time face possible proceedings for damages. It was a most extraordinary state of things to expect this of the defendants, that they should lose their profits in satisfying the prosecution. Mr. Davidson said that his friend had his own remedy for stopping the sale of the goods if he knew there was some of the stuff on the market.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the position of the prosecutors would be prejudiced if the goods were not recovered by the defendants, and Mr. Davidson replied that that was entirely a civil matter and did not concern a criminal proceeding.

Pressed by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Davidson admitted that this statement amounted to a plea of "not guilty."

The Magistrate then fixed further hearing of the case for December 23.—Reuters' American Service.

KONGMOON'S FATE.

Saved By Communist Defeat.

"RED" PLOTTINGS.

Procession Which Was To Instigate Rising.

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Yesterday. Kongmoon might have suffered a fate similar to Canton's, on Tuesday, had it not been for the timely defeat of the Communists in the capital.

Over 5,000 pro-Government troops were withdrawn hurriedly early this week to guard the home fires at Canton and there was every possibility that the Reds here would take advantage of the situation to support their brothers in Canton.

Prior to the coup breaking out in Canton, the pro-Ironsides detachments in the Kongmoon area had made considerable progress in following up the Kwangsi garnison which had given up control without making a stand.

The brigade of the 5th Army under General Li Fook-lum of Canton, known as the Papersides, had reached Yengkong and Yengchun without meeting any opposition. The 11th division under Lt.-General Hsieh Yo took charge of the Sze Yap districts. Labour Agitators.

On Sunday — when the Reds broke out in Canton — it was plainly evident that Labour agitators were uneasy. A notorious leader, Lu Tong, had returned here. He had been arrested by a former Mayor of Kongmoon for his share in an attack on a police station during the boycott but he eventually brought about the removal of the Mayor from office.

On Monday, after news had been received of the outbreak at Canton, over a thousand labourers and peasants held a public meeting in a temple at which it was resolved that a procession be held to welcome the new (pro-Ironsides) troops.

Fortunately, the Ironsides authorities forbade any such demonstration as it was subsequently confirmed that the procession would have been merely a disguise for a Red coup.

In spite of the delicate situation here, troops had to be sent to Canton in response to the urgent call for help. About 5,000 men in the command of Lt.-General Hsieh Yo made a forced march from Sanwui to Kongmoon, and then down here.

Press Gangs.

The Police are "doing normal patrols again. Detectives are still scouring suspected quarters in Honam, on the other side of the River, which was immune from the trouble. Martial law is being observed at the forts and barracks.

Seven Russians Killed.

The report in yesterday's "China Mail" that the Canton authorities had taken drastic action against the Soviet Consulate-General has been confirmed.

It was at first thought that the officials would be reluctant to use strong measures. In the heat of the moment, the Government has apparently done what will win long praise from the people.

A conservative report is that seven Russians, found in or near the Consulate, have been killed.

The Vice-Consul is believed to be one of these and the Consul-General is stated to be either in custody or to have vanished.

"Red" With Saville Row Suit.

The wrath of the populace, or at least of the "white" labour unions, knows no bounds.

Without instructions from the Government, individuals in outlying districts set out to form a cordon. It was this cordon which caused such a large number of fleeing Communists to prefer the risk of a trip to Hong Kong.

One of the Red leaders killed was dressed in a suit which bore the name of a Saville Row tailor. He was in his twenties and is stated to have been a seaman on the run to Europe from China.

Country-Wide Captures.

This man was shot down when pursued out of the north gate and a fairly large number of accomplices also paid the supreme penalty. The leader described himself as a Commissar of the People's Army and Navy.

As far as Shekung (on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway), which is 40 miles from Canton, military pickets carried out a minute search of people arriving and some Communists were taken here.

Raid on Consulate.

At points in the River delta and elsewhere a ceaseless vigil is being kept; and it is thought that the majority of Reds chose Hong Kong or Macao instead of hiding in Canton.

What Figures Tell.

Figures given so far by semi-official sources tell a poignant story.—

About 1,000 Communists were captured, of whom 600

DIFFERENT COLOUR.

China Turning Against The "Reds."

SEQUEL TO COUP.

Russians Getting Short Shift In Canton.

Progress is necessarily slow in the work of rehabilitation now being set in hand in Canton to wipe out the effects of the Communists' reign of terror which lasted two and a half days this week.

Hong Kong and Macao are to co-operate with the people and the Government of Canton in a campaign of mercy.

Although little of the spadework has been done there has been talk of erecting a memorial to remind Cantonese in years to come—with words the equivalent of "Lest We Forget"—of what the city suffered through contact with Red teachings.

"City of the Dead"

A highly respected old-fashioned scholar has aptly described Canton as "a city of the dead." No description, however graphic, can do full justice to the conditions of horror which must be seen to be appreciated.

On page 9 of this issue are reproductions of photos taken during the crisis.

Official bureaus are beginning to re-function. Shops are re-

BONDS OF EMPIRE.

British Delegation For Canada.

CHANGES SINCE 1914.

Mr. MacDonald On a Wonderful Constitutional Evolution.

London, Yesterday. Presiding at the annual meeting of the British branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association the Premier expressed cordial appreciation of the invitation issued by the Canadian branch to send a British delegation to visit Canada in September 1928. He hoped all parties in the House would see that the delegation would be really representative of the different parties and in every way a first class delegation. He had found during his visit to Canada that there was a great deal of work that British representatives could do there in explaining British problems.

One of the most important parts of the work of the delegation would be to make the Canadians understand our difficulties, which were infinitely greater and enormously different from those that existed in a new world, and at the same time they would be able to see for themselves what were the difficulties and problems in Canada.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, said what was felt so much at the moment regarding consideration of the British Empire, more particularly with regard to the self-governing dominions, was the fundamental change since 1914. In the evolution of nationality we were up against new kinds of problems altogether. It was not by mere law or statutes or merely sentimental agreement that we could solve these problems. It was largely a tradition of what we were and had been and our spiritual view that was to be a final bond that would bind the Empire together. The very word "Empire" had got a new meaning within our own lifetime. It was one of the most wonderful constitutional evolutions that had taken place, and it demanded parliamentary and personal contact between all its parts.—British Wireless Service.

Fit For 1662.

He described the revised book as the result of years of careful research and investigation. The Church to-day was working under conditions which were fitted for 1662 and therefore obviously they were unfitted in many respects for the present time. The revised book was the result of many concessions to different sections to try and arrive at the largest amount of common ground which was regarded as necessary in the way of improvement. Supporters of the measure were a mass of moderate men and women and their appeal should not fall on deaf ears. The young generation were looking for more life in their church services and forms of worship should be in harmony with modern thought and modern requirements.

The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks moving the rejection, expressed the approval of 96 per cent. of the new book and said one would like to see many of the changes proposed, but the real trouble was in regard to the service of Holy Communion and the proposed reservation of the sacrament. They were asked to go back to medieval times.—British Wireless Service.

Premier's Views.

The House of Commons, contrary to all expectations, rejected the Revised Prayer Book, which now cannot be presented to the King for the Royal assent.

Although Mr. Baldwin recommended its adoption the Premier pointed out that all must vote in accordance with his own conscience. He dreaded if the measure was rejected that disestablishment should become a big political issue, and did not think the Church could survive the disputes which must inevitably break out again. He was of the opinion rejection would deprive the leaders of the church of their authority and leave chaos more rampant than ever.

Cheering in the House.

The cheering aroused by Mr. Baldwin's speech was equalled when Mr. Joynson Hicks opposed the new book, which he said, involved a change of doctrine and attacked hierarchy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was present in the gallery throughout the eight hours' debate. The result of the vote was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm.—Reuter.

The Next Step.

The next step in connection with the Prayer Book will be a measure that it be returned to the Church Assembly, who will reconsider it and may present it to Parliament in an amended form.—Reuter.

PREMIUM BONDS.

THEIR USES AS REVENUE RAISERS.

London, Yesterday. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, naked to consider the advisability of issuing premium bonds as a means of raising revenue, said no proposal could escape examination.

One of the Soviet Consuls is among the killed, it is stated, and six others are stated to have been captured by Customs officials.

The reports of the raid on the Soviet Consulate in Canton and of the arrest and shooting of certain of the Consulate officials appear to be well founded according to the information of masters of incoming steamers from Canton who state that the shooting is being conducted by Chinese officials.

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At the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening, the motion "That World Peace Is Possible" was carried. The motion was led by Mr. A. C. Roddam, seconded by Mr. R. W. Sapsey and the opposition was led by Mr. T. V. Harmon, seconded by Mr. S. O. Gregory.

The leader of the motion stressed the gradual advancement in civilization and the sublimation of many instincts to higher purposes. As we had risen above the animal kingdom, the days of wholesale executions, the days of duelling, so was there a marked progress in the direction of international peace.

Mr. T. V. Harmon disagreed that human nature was changing. Its instincts remained largely the same. The spirit of nationalism was still as keen as ever, trade expansion promoted commercial rivalry, the increasing vested financial interests and the complexity of an overpopulated country, all these led eventually to disputes for the solution of which there was as yet no effective machinery nor could there be until human nature had vitally changed from its present tendencies.

After the seconds' speeches and contributions from the body of the Hall, the motion was put and carried.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy presided over the debate.

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A FATAL SPIN.

INQUEST ON AIR FORCE MEMBER.

DRIVER'S EVIDENCE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. Schofield in his capacity as Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. R. Abram, A. K. Mason and A. E. Gutierrez, held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Leading Aircraftman French who, as already reported, was killed in a motor cycle accident last Saturday night whilst out for a spin to Kowloon City on a Harley-Davidson motor cycle combination in the company of Mr. D. S. Pethick.

Occupying a seat on the bench with the Coroner was Flying Officer V. Fowler of the R.A.F., whilst Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., watched the proceedings in the interest of Mr. Pethick.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. J. E. Dovey who described the injuries sustained by the deceased, and said that when the autopsy was held at 11.50 on December 11 the body was still fresh.

The most serious injury was a deep cut at the back of the head extending down to the bone. There were also bruises around the area, and when the skull was opened, a fissure fracture was found.

Death was due to fracture of the base of the skull, internal haemorrhage, shock, and concussion.

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SHANGHAI DANGERS.

KNOWLEDGE OF WHANGPOO ESSENTIAL.

WARNING TO MASTERS.

The following notice to mariners No. 21 has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai under date December 5, relative to the navigation of Shanghai Harbour.

Mariners and especially those controlling smaller vessels navigating the waters of Shanghai Harbour and its immediate approaches, are hereby reminded that the ever increasing numbers of large vessels of deep draught entering Shanghai, makes it imperative, in the interest of the safety of all, that those in command of vessels make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the waters of the Whangpoo, to the end that they may know how far they can with safety give way when meeting vessels, especially in the bends of the river. Lack of complete knowledge of the water on the part of one in command of a smaller vessel is apt to be the cause of unnecessary interference with the safe movement of vessels of deep draught.

Bocca Tigris.

The following notice has been issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton under date December 7.

Notice is hereby given that Martal Law has been enforced at Bocca Tigris, and vessels, both Foreign and Native, will not be allowed to pass between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

For the present Foreign vessels are granted temporary exemption from examination.

A further notice by H.B.M. Consul-General at the same port is as follows:

It is notified for information that ships can pass Bocca Tigris Forts at night but not Whampoa Forts.

Navigational Obstruction.

The following has been issued by the local authorities under date December 14.

No. 66. A half submerged junk, dangerous to navigation is reported in a position Latitude 22.26.30 N., and Longitude, 116.11 E., on the authority of the master of s.s. "Kanchow."

MARINE COURT.

For towing more than three abreast, through the entrance to Yaumati typhoon shelter, the master of a steam launch was fined \$10 or ten days at the Marine Court this morning. He admitted having five cargo boats and six sampans in tow.

On a similar charge in respect of lighters, the master of another steam launch was found guilty and the same penalty imposed.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Chinhuia (1,353) British, from Canton, B. & S.—tonnage general cargo (through).

Jepore (3,209) British, from Dairen—Macmillan, MacKenzie—2,000 tons general cargo (through).

Antenor (6,609) British, from Glasgow, Singapore, B. & S.—73 passengers, 1,600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,000 tons general (through).

Kanchow (1,222) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—516 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 124 tons general (through).

Chusan (1,338) British, from Canton, B. & S.—25 tons general cargo (through).

Nanchang (1,506) British, from Newchawng, Amoy, B. & S.

Raymond Pollock (1,197) French, from Haiphong, Pakhol, Yak Cheong—13 passengers, 1,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,200 tons general (through).

Trier (5,401) German, from Hamburg, Shanghai—Melchers & Co.—111 passengers, 75 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,510 tons general (through).

Konigsberg (3,978) German, from Bremen, Singapore—Melchers & Co.—passengers, 450 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,685 tons general (through).

Tjisalak (3,614) Dutch, from Batavia, Balikpapan—J. C. J. L. —343 passengers, 1,754 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,000 tons general (through).

Hirundo (1,125) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow—Thoresen & Co.—1,309 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong, 100 tons rice and general (through).

Kojuin Maru (1,306) Japanese, from Dairen, Wei Hai Wei, M. B. K.—3,000 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Shih Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—45 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hua Hsin (853) Chinese, from Swatow, Lung Wha S.S. Co.—2 passengers.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—50 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Lo San, Fook Hoi—110 passengers, 2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

We therefore adjudge him to be severely censured.

MARINE INQUIRY.

"ANJOU" CHIEF OFFICER CENSURED.

WEST RIVER COLLISION.

A Marine Court of Inquiry was held yesterday to inquire into the circumstances of the collision between the s.s. "Anjou" and s.s. "Wing Hung" on Nov. 28, in the West River.

The composition of the Court was as follows:—Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President); Lieut. Comdr. Faulknor, H.M.S. "Argus"; Lieut. Comdr. T. Prichard, R.N.R., master of s.s. "Talshan"; Capt. R. Dodds, master of s.s. "Achilles," and Captain C. A. Mutton, master of s.s. "Wing On."

Captain E. P. Smith, of the s.s. "Wing Hung," was represented by Mr. G. Vair, while Captain A. H. Brown, of the s.s. "Anjou," was without legal aid.

After hearing the evidence of Capt. Edwin Paige Smith, of the s.s. "Wing Hung," Capt. A. H. Brown of the s.s. "Anjou" (who had been relieved by the Chief Officer at the time of the collision) stated that he had been relieved by the Chief Officer of the s.s. "Wing Hung" on the morning of November 28, 1927, the s.s. "Anjou" were proceeding through the Sallam Channel on the West River.

The s.s. "Anjou" in attempting to pass to the port hand of the s.s. "Wing Hung" passed closer than was necessary taking into consideration the breadth of the navigable channel at her disposal.

That after clearing the "Wing Hung" the starboard engine of the "Anjou" broke, canting her to starboard thus causing the collision with the "Wing Hung" and the stranding of the "Wing Hung."

We are of opinion that Peter Mackenzie who was Chief Officer of the "Anjou" and in charge of the bridge at the time of the collision was culpable in that he failed to take charge adequately of his ship when chance of collision became apparent, and that he failed to take necessary steps to attempt to avert collision in that he omitted to put the Port Engine to "Full speed astern."

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DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,936	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,995	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,936	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NELLORE	6,853	14th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NAGPORE	5,285	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,936	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,946	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,098	13th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,936	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVAHNA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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DEPARTURES.

Passengers who departed by the s.s. "Haruna Maru" on December 14 were:

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Passengers who departed by the s.s. "President Jackson" for Manila on December 14 were:

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Mr. C. T. Boyce, Mr. E. Jackson Casse, Mr. N. Ichiyangi, Mr. Y. Kanayama, Capt. Miguel Morales, Mr. Z. Okamoto, Mr. T. Shinogi, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams, Mr. Geo. H. Grace Williams, Mr. R. B. Lattimore, Mr. Sabiston, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Zurnwalt, Mr. Yeo Yow, Mr. Ly Hoisang, Miss Lola M. M. McCall, Mrs. M. M. Brouse, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Chandler, Hon. Isamu Gabaldon, Mr. F. M. Johnson, Mr. O. C. Sanborn, Mr. A. M. Birchall, Mr. Kaname Wakasugi, Mrs. Payne, Master T. Payne, Mr. Duen Chai-hing, Mr. Cham Tsze-fun, Mr. G. Abelbaum, Mr. Thomas B. Belsire, Mr. W. Wright, Mr. W. Stewart, Mr. M. C. Lee, Mr. Chan Kung-chit, Master Chan Chit-man, Master Chai So-sam, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lee and infant.

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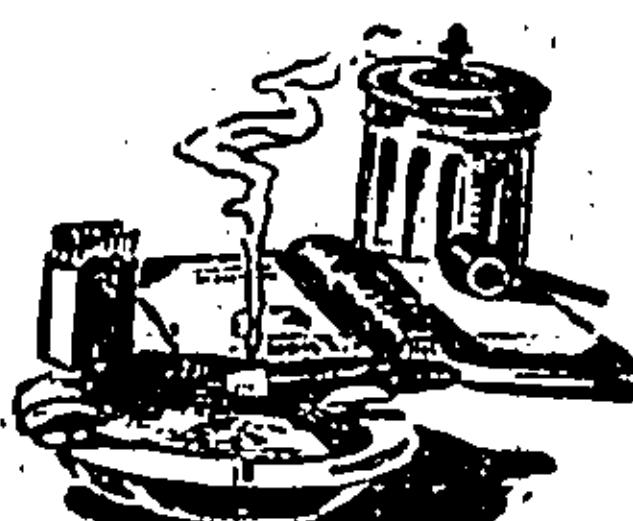
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COUNCIL MEETING.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

ANOTHER CROWDED "HOUSE" LAST NIGHT.

A PAGEANT OF BEAUTY.

Principals and chorus alike infused the true spirit of Merrie England into the pageant of medieval English scenes and revolutions which was unfolded at the fifth performance last night by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society of their present production, "Merrie England".

At the outset, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Acting Colonial Secretary, read a despatch from the Secretary of State, thanking the Council on behalf of Their Majesties for the expression of sympathy sent on the death of the Marquis of Cambridge.

In moving the first reading of the Bill to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, the Attorney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp, referred to the decision to form a number of auxiliary units to be attached to the Corps, consisting of a Supplementary Reserve Company, to consist of men who have attained the age of 50 years; an Army Service Corps Cadre; a Light Section Cadre, and a Reserve of Officers. The members of these four auxiliary units will not be required to undergo any training, but will be available for service in cases of emergency when they are called out.

The necessity for giving notice of intention to quit the Corps, even after the expiration of the regulation three years' service was also made clearer in the new Bill and three exceptions were enumerated to the regulation, in cases of inefficiency. These were when a man reached the age of 40 years, or had been efficient for three years (whether consecutive or not), or when good reason could be shown why a member should leave the Corps (provided he had shown diligence in undergoing annual training up to that time).

Another clause of the Bill gave power to require the attendance of witnesses and others to Court Martial or Courts of Inquiry. Regulations which it was proposed to make when the Bill was passed were also referred to, these containing provisions relating to the proposed new auxiliary units. Volunteers who were declared efficient in three years had to undergo only modified training and men who had served in the regular Forces or in Volunteer Forces would not on joining the Corps be treated as recruits.

The Bill was read a first time, Printing Presses.

The first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses was also passed. Power was given to refuse a licence for keeping a printing press and to cancel a printing press licence already granted. The Attorney-General, in moving it, thought that in these days of lying and mercenary propaganda by persons who were attacking our civilisation and bent on producing disorder, it was necessary to have these exceptional powers.

The Bill also omitted the provision requiring every publisher to give a bond in the sum of \$1,200 for the purpose of paying any fine or damages on conviction for libel. The amount stated, said the Attorney-General, was insufficient to cover what might be damages and costs in any action. So far as security for payment of fines was concerned the bond seemed unnecessary as if they were not paid a distress warrant could be issued and the goods of the newspaper seized. In the case of any substantial newspaper, the fine would be forthcoming without any such bond.

Printing Presses.

The first readings were also passed of a Bill to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899 and a Bill to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

The first, said the Attorney-General, made it clear that there was full power to move prisoners from one prison to another and from the prison to hospital and back again;

that there was power to set apart a ward in the G.C.H. as a prison for prisoners who could not properly be treated in a prison hospital; and also made clear the provision of the principal Ordinance relating to the introduction and use in prisons of prohibited articles such as liquor, opium, tobacco, etc.

The Bill amending the Railway Ordinance defined the powers of the Manager and the Governor-in-Council to make regulations. It also provided for an increase in penalties for various offences such as attempting to defraud.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed all their remaining stages and became law:

An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates' Ordinance, 1890.

An Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.

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On demand 134%

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London. Yesterday.

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New York 4.88 11/32

Brussels 34.90

Geneva 25.28

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Vienna 84.59/2

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Madrid 29.26

Lisbon 2 7/16

Athens 365/2

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A WINE PROBLEM.

LEGAL ARGUMENT IN POLICE COURT.

BOATMAN CHARGED.

Remanded on Tuesday last on a charge of the unlawful possession of twenty-three jars of dutiable wine because the Magistrate found that there was no evidence of possession, and suggested a charge of importing the wine, a Chinese boatman from Shaukiwan made another appearance in Court this morning to answer the new charge.

Mr. J. M. Remedios who appeared for the accused, submitted that he had no case to answer. He said that all the evidence given by the prosecution was that the junk went to Macao and took the wine on board and brought it to Hong Kong. He submitted that that was not an offence under the Ordinance under which the accused was charged, unless the prosecution proved that the wine had been imported contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance.

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TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

ATHLETIC v. AIR FORCE.

Big Match To Be Staged on Club Ground.

OLD RIVALS AT KOWLOON.

The Interport Trial.

[By "Rover."]

The programme for to-morrow is:-
 Hong Kong League Division I. Kick off 4.00 p.m.
 Chinese Athletic v. Royal Air Force, Club Ground, Valley.

Kowloon v. Hong Kong Football Club, Kowloon.

Recreio v. South China, King's Park.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B. Regiment, Sookumboo.

Scots Guards v. Police, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Junior Division (A). Kick off 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon v. Recreio, Kowloon A.F.C.

South China v. H.K. Club Res., South China Ground, Valley.

University v. K.O.S.B., Sookumboo.

Chinese Athletic v. R.G.A. Reserves, Club Ground, Valley.

St. Joseph's v. South China (B), St. Joseph's Ground.

Junior Division (B).

South China A v. St. Joseph's, South China Ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's Ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.

South China B v. Moslems, King's Park, kick off 2.30 p.m.

Kung Woo v. Boy Scouts, Yaumati, kick off 2.30 p.m.

A fine list of matches is arranged for the week end and both at Kowloon and Hong Kong there are good games. The match of the day is at the Club Ground where the Athletic will oppose the Royal Air Force; both teams at full strength and both at the top of their form. The Athletic are fielding their usual eleven, a remarkable feature of their successful run being the absence of injuries to any of their players, this being all the more noteworthy as only on about a couple of occasions has it been necessary to change the team through Lee Wai-kung not being available. With the other Clubs nursing several injured players at the present time it certainly looks as if the Athletic are taking their training very seriously. The Air Force will fully extend the Athletic, as at present they are playing a good game and it will be difficult job for the selectors to know what forward to stand down now that Benison is back again and Constable and Gallacher are both playing so well. This game should be worth seeing and will be hot from the kick off as both teams will be all out and both attacks are very clever. The Athletic's half back line will on Saturday be fully extended.

The Borderers should beat the R.G.A. at Sookumboo but the R.G.A. can not be relied on to lose at any time and a good Army match with plenty of hard and good football should reward spectators at the South China Command ground.

At Kowloon the match of the day will be meeting of the two premier Civilian Clubs when the Hong Kong Club can be relied on to make the home team go the full course to secure the points, Kowloon are on the upgrade and will field a strong side, with possibly a couple of surprises forward, while the Club are still suffering from injuries to players and may have to find substitutes for Scott and Simson, the left wingers. However in these games local rivalry counts very much and a very keen game is anticipated with plenty of rousing football.

The Recreio are also showing an injured list owing to some very strenuous matches, and against South China which would ordinarily be regarded as a snip for the King's Park team, the home team will have to field one or two Reserves, but even so despite the big support which a Chinese team always receives at King's Park, Gosano and his lads should secure two points. The game will be very keen and will probably draw the largest gate despite the strong crowd attractions.

The Scots Guards' v. Police game at Chatham Road is Kowloon's third attraction and the Police will endeavour to recover a bit of their old form as their last two or three games have shown a falling off. But the absence of one or two players in the Police Team makes a big difference and if the Police can field a full team the Guards will have to work very hard for a win. However, I fancy the Guards' chances, as they appear a good all-round team and without having many outstanding stars the team generally is sound with no weak spots and will improve more yet.

The Junior Programme "A" Division does not contain anything outstanding, the Borderers, and St. Joseph's should both win, while Kowloon Reserves and Recreio. Reserves should provide a real match and very little in the result. The Club Reserves and the Chinese Athletic should also win but neither are dead cert. In the "B" Division Chinese Athletic should gather the points against Kowloon III and Kung Woo, Moslems, and South China "A" look likely winners.

The Interport Practice match on Wednesday last was a capital game and although the Interport team defeated the Royal Air Force by the fairly substantial margin of 4 goals to one, the Air Force played quite a good game and were only beaten by the brilliant passing of the Interport forward line which on

LOCAL CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

OTHER MATCHES.

The following teams will represent the Civil Service C.C. on Saturday next:-

V. Chinese Rec. Club, League. G. R. Sayer (captain); A. E. Wood, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, F. J. Ling, T. D. E. Pendered, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. W. Grimmitt, H. E. Strange, A. R. Sutherland, F. H. Holdman.

V. H.K. University 2nd. League. H. R. Harper, R. S. W. Paterson, R. R. Davies, R. G. Robertson, W. F. J. Gorvin, W. H. Edmonds, C. Sara, F. H. W. Haynes, V. H. Chittenden, P. J. O'Neill, S. E. Alderman. Reserves: E. W. Simmonds, R. Trengrove.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the R.A.C.C. on Saturday December 17, at 2 p.m. on the Home ground:-

C. W. Lam (captain), Dr. D. K. Samy, D. Laing, A. A. Rumjahi, B. P. Ng, J. Barrow, W. Wong Sling, S. V. Gittins, A. P. Gutierrez, F. I. Zimmern, E. A. Lee. Umpire: Mr. F. H. Trayes; Scorer: Mr. C. L. Tan.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the C.S.C.C. 2nd XI at Happy Valley on Saturday December 17, at 2 p.m.:—

F. Hiptoola (captain), M. B. Osman, W. M. Gittins, A. Baker, B. N. Sudan, A. B. Suliman, S. R. Suliman, S. R. Kormani, K. T. Lake, A. Chan Fook, B. H. Schroeter, H. T. M. Barma. Scorer: Mr. G. E. Yeoh.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

A white terrier dog was yesterday removed to the Matrukuk Depot for observation after it had bitten Bdr. Greenfield, R.A., at Stonecutters. Bdr. Greenfield received treatment at the Military Hospital.

The mistress of cargo junk No. 1463 has reported to the police that about 6 a.m., yesterday, whilst the boat was off the No. 3 wharf at Kowloon Godowns, a foki whilst hoisting the sail fell when the sail rope burst, and suffered injuries to his leg which necessitated his removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

As a trial for our probable and possible representatives it was a very successful one and Avery in goal for the Air Force saved many more than beat him, having no chance with any of the shot which were of the pile, driving nature, excepting one which Vernon cleverly walked in. The backs also did well under great pressure and Wilkes, Welsh and Bailey stuck grimly to a very smart forward line. Benison made up for Vernon's absence and played well with Gallacher and Constable in a nippy forward line the left wing if anything being more prominent on Wednesday than Burn and Robbins. The next Interport Practice match will be on Xmas Eve at the Club ground practically the same team being chosen for the Interport side the Athletic's backs being given a trial together.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI in their League Match against the Hong Kong Club on Saturday December 17, on Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 4.30 p.m.

Angus, Wheeler, Dadshon, Duest, Sims, Hedley, Pile, May, Northey, Ternan, Miles. Reserves: Vickary. The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in their League Match against the Recreio on Saturday, December 17, on Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—

Wood, Bliss, Pasco, Dunnett, Skinner, Blacklock, Reed, Clark, Sparke, Muir, Eastman. Reserves: Easterbrook and Nicholls.

CUP SOCCER.

KETTERING OUT OF CONTEST.

London, Yesterday. In the replayed cup match Charlton beat Kettering 2-1.—Reuter.

BOXING SCENE.

TROUBLE FOLLOWS FAILURE TO APPEAR.

Los Angeles. "Ace" Hudkins, of Nebraska, claimed the welter-weight championship of the world here when Joe Dundee, of Baltimore, failed to turn up.

After a long delay, following the preliminary fight, Hudkins came into the ring and sat there for fifteen minutes, after which he left as Dundee did not appear. Shortly afterwards Hudkins came back fully dressed and it was announced on behalf of the "Nebraska Wild-cat" that he claimed the title. The crowd began voicing their disappointment and loudly demanded their money back.

One section of disgruntled "fans" started smashing chairs, and as they showed signs of causing an ugly riot squads of police were rushed to the ringside to quell the uproar. The announcement that the money paid for admission would be refunded, however, pacified the crowd.

DIFFERENT COLOUR.

(Continued from Page 1.) cently arrived in Canton ostensibly to serve with the Consulate but in reality to direct the work of spoliation and destruction during the short-lived "Red" regime.

Reds' Last Stand.

The seven men were paraded round the streets with the reasons for their sentence enumerated on placards, before execution was carried out.

The charred remains of what was a row of substantial four-storey buildings, numbering over thirty, marks the last stand of the "Reds" in the neighbourhood of Tungshan, when hard pressed by the troops of Li Fook-lum. These are on the waterfront visible from the front reach.

TROUBLE IN NORTH.

Unrest at Shanghai, Kiukiang and Wuhu.

That the plans of the "Reds" were to create trouble not only in Canton but in all districts where the Nationalist authority extends, is shown by naval wireless messages from Kiukiang and Wuhu stating that there have been acute labour troubles fomented by the extremists.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" reports extraordinary vigilance by the Nationalist military in (Chinese) Shanghai against possible labour troubles. Troops were posted in large numbers near the main factory of the Commercial Press, says the cable.

QUESTION IN HOUSE.

No British Casualties at Canton.

London, Yesterday.

Replies to a question in the House of Commons Comdr. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that so far as was known there had been no British casualties in the recent disturbances at Canton.

The Soviet Consul-General, Kovlovsky, refuses to make any comment until he receives instructions from Moscow.—Reuter.

Marching Orders.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Nationalist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has handed the Soviet Consul-General at Shanghai his passport and requested him to leave Nationalist territory within a week.—Reuter.

Shameen Defences.

Paris, Yesterday.

The China correspondent of the "Excelsior" reports that the defences of Shameen are dangerously weak, especially against a night attack, as the foreign settlement depends upon Canton for its electric light which certainly would be cut off if such an attempt were made.

The correspondent considers the settlement is safe only owing to the "natural irresolution of the Chinese."—Reuter.

TRADE LOSSES.

Story of Customs' Returns.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Customs returns for the last eleven months show that Shanghai's imports have decreased by twenty-eight per cent., and the exports by nine per cent.

Canton's imports and exports have both compared with the same period last year and the downward trend continues.

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Nationalists Now Determined.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Nationalist Mandate of December 14 ordered the withdrawal of the recognition hitherto accorded to the Soviet Consuls in Nationalist territory, and also the suspension of the functions of the Soviet Commercial Agencies. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has now instructed that this mandate be executed with vigilance.

The National Government points out that this momentous decision has been forced on them by the startling events in Canton on December 11. They claim to have discovered that this uprising was made possible because the Soviet Consulate and the Commercial Agencies "were actually accomplices of the Communists, having for a long time permitted the use of their premises as a base for Communist operations," which is a flagrant violation of international ethics.

Communist Programme.

The National Government have learned that similar risings were planned in other important places in Nationalist territory.

The elaborate programme drawn up by the Communist Party for the destruction of the Kuomintang and of the National Government has determined the Government to stamp out the Communists who have always been a source of incalculable danger.

On December 14 representatives of the Nationalist Government interviewed the United States Consul-General, Mr. Cunningham, who is the Senior Consul in Shanghai, and also Major Hilton Johnson, the Commissioner-General for the International Settlement on the same afternoon with reference to the subject of carrying out the proposed closure of the Soviet Consulate and the Dalbank who are notorious fiscal agents of the Soviet.

The Soviet Consul-General, Kovlovsky, refuses to make any comment until he receives instructions from Moscow.—Reuter.

Marching Orders.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Nationalist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has handed the Soviet Consul-General at Shanghai his passport and requested him to leave Nationalist territory within a week.—Reuter.

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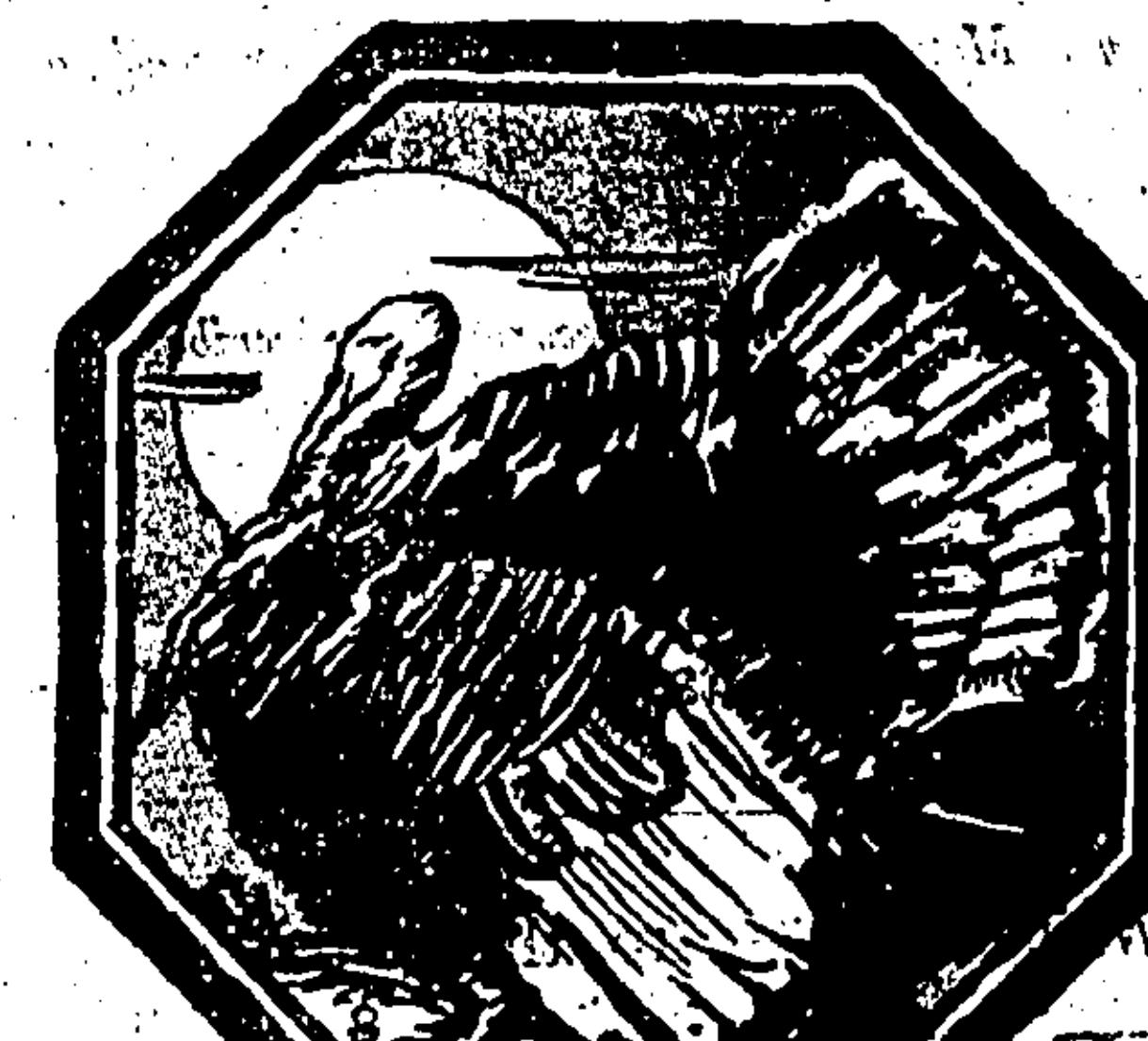
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Frank Rawlinson, editor of "The Chinese Recorder," is in the Country Hospital, Shanghai.

A meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will be held at the Cathedral Hall this evening, at 8.30.

A porcelain pot containing 45 sovereigns of Queen Victoria's reign has been unearthed in the garden of Somerton Lodge, Winkfield, Berkshire, the residence of Mr. W. P. Elliott.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the annual race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held on February 13, 14, and 15, are now ready, and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

London, yesterday.—Asked in the House of Commons if he was now in a position to state what action was being taken by the Air Ministry to retain the Schneider Cup next year Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, said a conference was taking place on the subject this afternoon and he hoped to give an answer in the next few days.

There was put up for sale at Messrs. Lammert Brothers Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, yesterday afternoon, by order of the mortgagee, a leasehold property, known as Nos. 1 and 2, Ellenbend Villas, Pokfulam. The upset price was \$12,000, but as there was no advance, the property was withdrawn from the market.

Divisional Inspector Frank Page, of the Stoke Newington, N. division of the Metropolitan Police who is retiring, was, as a member of the Scotland Yard Flying Squad, concerned in the case in which Frederick Bywaters and Mrs. Thomason were executed for the murder at Ilford in 1922 of the woman's husband.

The second annual dinner-dance of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held this evening at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden. Special menus and programmes have been prepared, and a large number of guests are expected to be present. The dinner begins at 8 p.m., and the function continues until 12.30.

The death of Sir Granville Wheler creates a vacancy in the parliamentary representation of the Faversham division of Kent. He won the last election as a Conservative, in which election over thirty thousand votes were cast, by a majority of five thousand over Labour and eleven thousand over the Liberal candidate.

Mrs. W. R. Meredith is at present on a visit to Singapore.

The King has given £25 and the Queen £10 to the Mayor of Windsor's fund for those rendered homeless by the fire at Elm Flats.

Mr. Joseph Addison, Counsellor of the British Embassy at Berlin, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Riga, Reval and Kovno.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Frederic Hazel Pentycross, widower and banker, of No. 357, The Peak, to Miss Una McLean Gubbins, c/o Dr. I. Newton, Kowloon Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Home by the Blue Funnel liner "Antenor" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. R. S. Greensmith, Capt. and Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. C. R. Shaw, Miss Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Currie.

Capt. Forbes, one of the oldest residents of Singapore, who was at one time with the Straits Steamship Co. and whose association with the Colony dates as far back as 1880, is leaving on a world tour, travelling via Australia and South Africa. He will be away for about a year.

Probate of the will of Dong Toy, late of San Francisco, California, merchant, who died at the Dante Sanatorium, San Francisco, on October 15, 1926, has been granted to Chin Shee, his widow and executrix, of No. 22a, Kennedy Road. Estate is Hong Kong is valued at \$117,400.

Mr. V. A. Lowinger, Surveyor-General, F.M.S. and S.S., left Kuala Lumpur for Singapore. He is sailing for South Africa by the "Santos Maru." By the same ship will travel Mr. R. Crichton, who is retiring from Government Service, and is visiting the South African orange groves in which he is interested.

The Chinese Telegraph Administration, which has been interrupted during the past few days owing to the communist coup, had been resumed, and telegrams can now be received for transmission to Canton and Shantou.

While driving his car in a snow-storm in ten days' endurance test at Montlhery, Mr. Victor Bruce met with an accident from which he escaped unhurt. His car overturned owing to a skid on the ice-covered course. Mr. Bruce drove his car to the repair shed where it was immediately overhauled with a view to continuing the test. Mrs. Bruce who is sharing periods at the wheel with her husband was not in the car at the time.

London, yesterday.—The Duchess of York made her first inspection of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, of which she was appointed Colonel-in-Chief last August at Aldershot. The weather was bitterly cold and the Duchess was anxious the men should be dismissed at the earliest possible moment. Later Her Royal Highness lunched with the officers.

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Efforts to bring the disorders to Hong Kong were promptly frustrated by the local police, and a number of arrests were made as the Canton boats arrived here.

In addition to carrying the full story of the taking and recapture of Canton, this week's "Overland Mail" also contains an exclusive account of how "Red" agitators attempted to promote a strike among the workers of the Colony.

Local news—social, commercial, sporting, etc.—is fully dealt with in this issue of the "Overland" and a comprehensive report is given of the morphia case proceedings in the Police Court.

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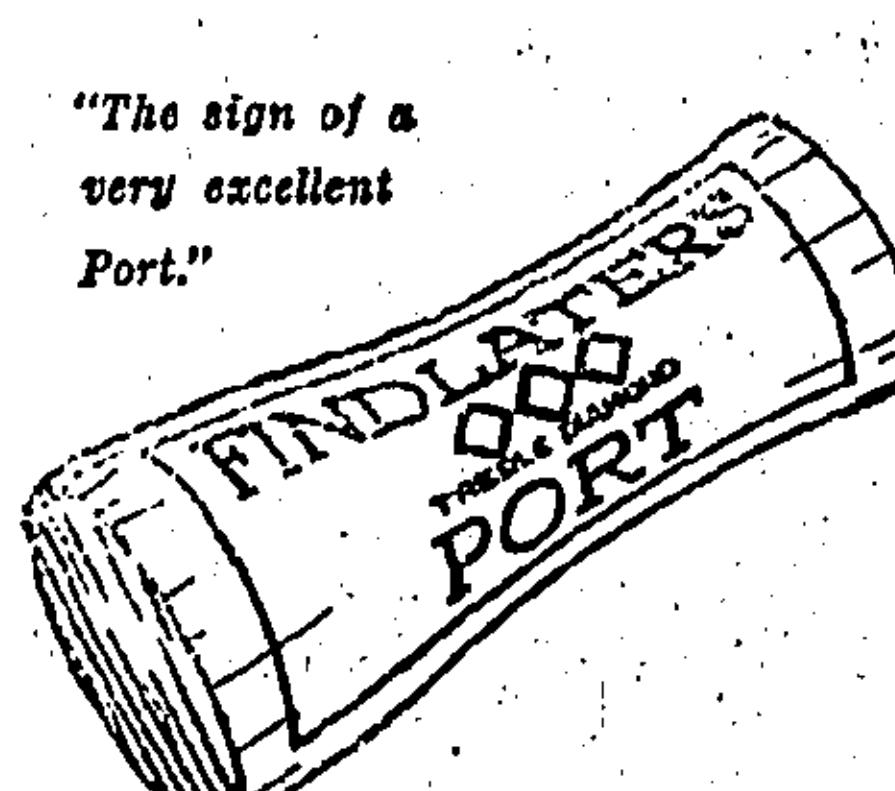
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WHEN CANTON WENT RED: LAST SUNDAY'S HAPPENINGS.

On Sunday last, December 11, the city of Canton was seized by Communists who drove what few Government (Ironside) troops there were there from the capital. Many people, as the pictures below show, were killed in the street fighting, incendiaryism was rife, and there was much looting. For two days the "Red" held sway, but when opposed by a moderately sized force of Government soldiery, fled.

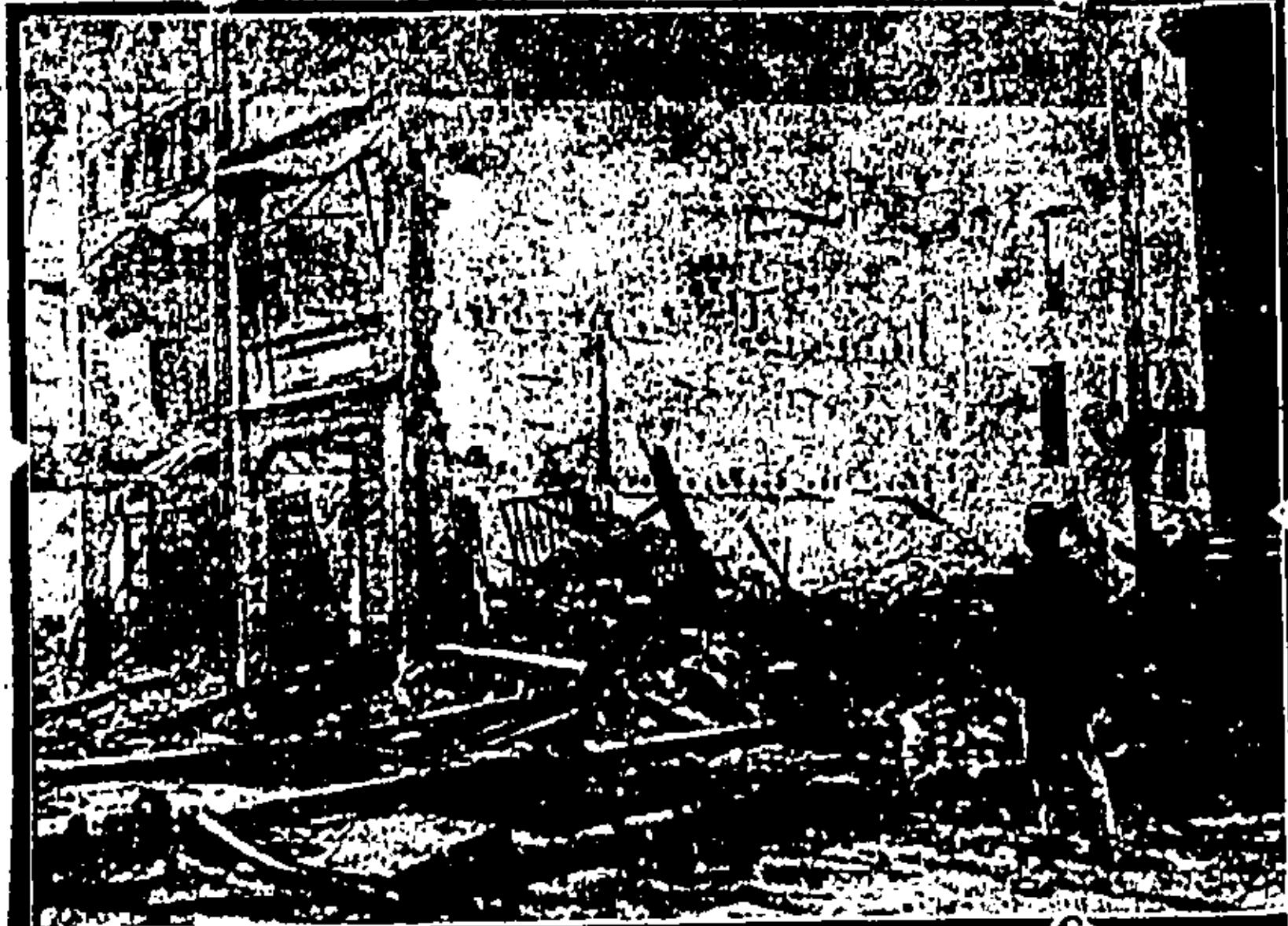


Photo by Wah Tze Yat Po.
A whole block of buildings gutted at Taiping-shan
in the city.



Photo by Wah Tze Yat Po.
Smoke coming through the windows of the
Central Bank.



Photo by Kwong Kwui Co.
Truckloads of corpses of both loyalists and Communists being
wheeled away from the city for burial.



Photo by Wah Tze Yat Po.
Corpses piled up in a road leading to the suburbs.



Photo by Kwong Kwui Co.
The Central Bank of China—a Nationalist Organisation—
on the bund, with a soldier on guard over the ruins and
debris and nothing standing behind the gate.

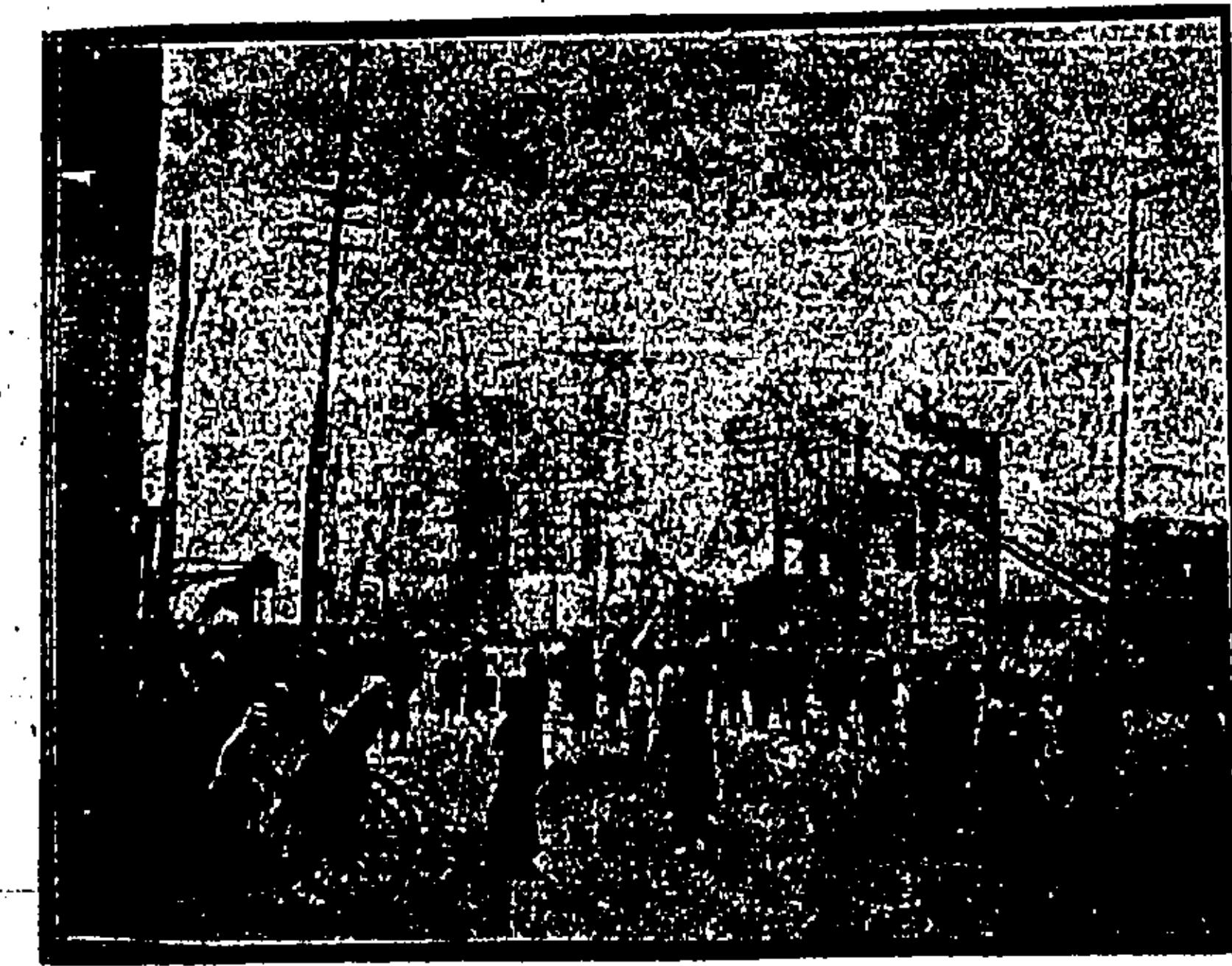


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All that was left of a row of imposing buildings in a
prominent part of the city.

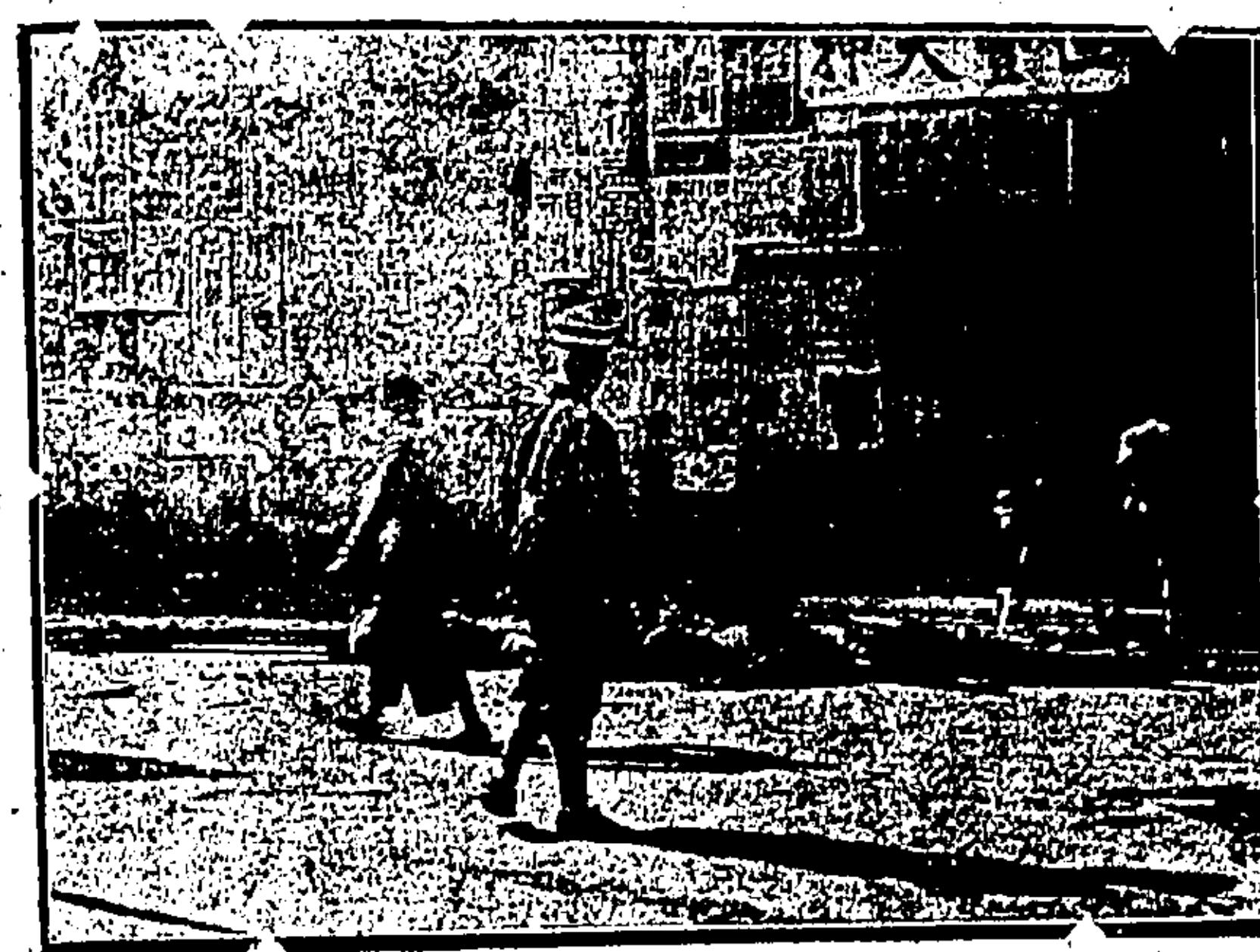


Photo by Wah Tze Yat Po.
A policeman standing guard over the bodies of Communists shot
down when robbing a pawnshop in Wing Hon Road.



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An impromptu banner borne in
triumph along the street, reading:
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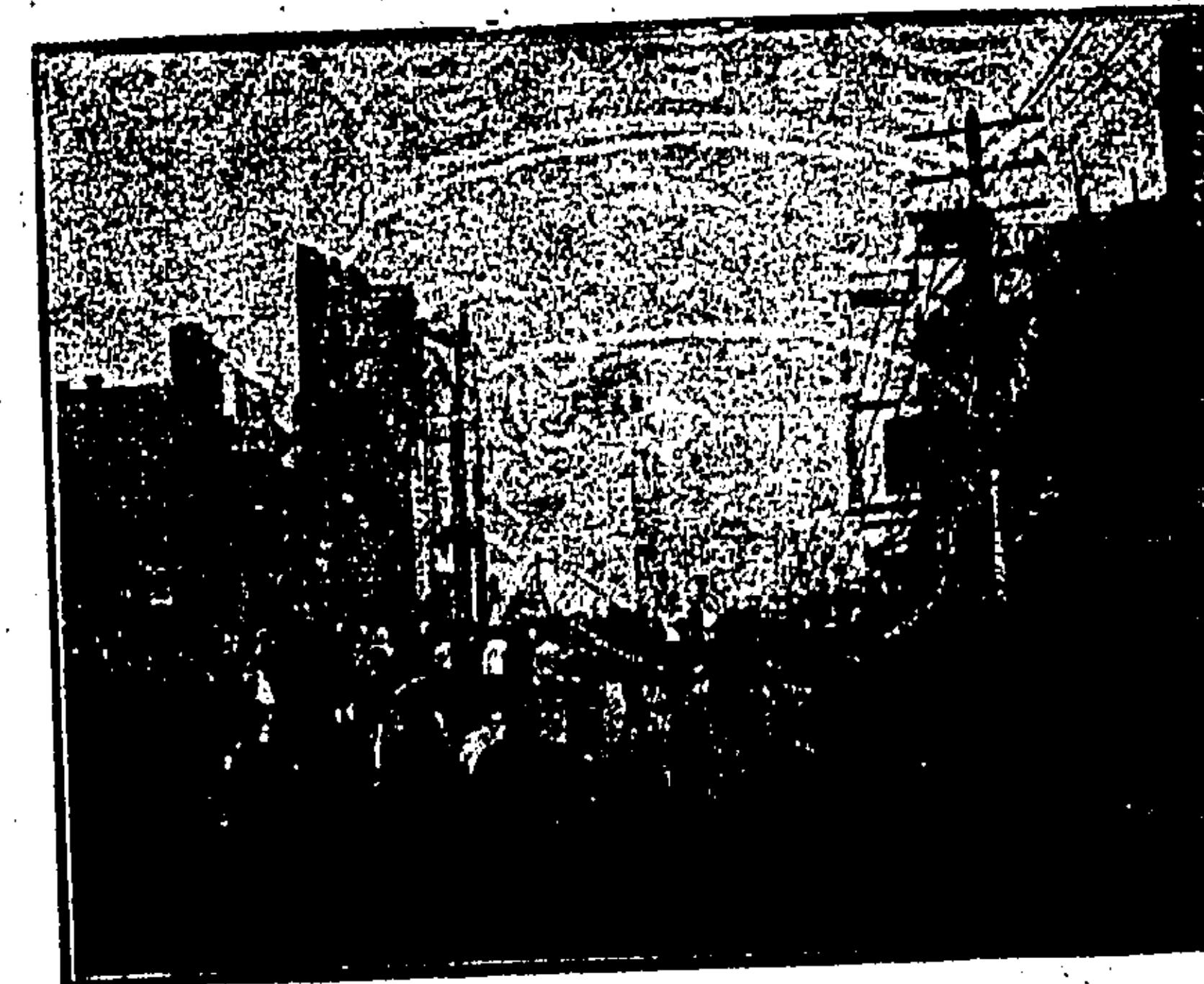


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A police station and surrounding property in the city
stripped bare by the flames.

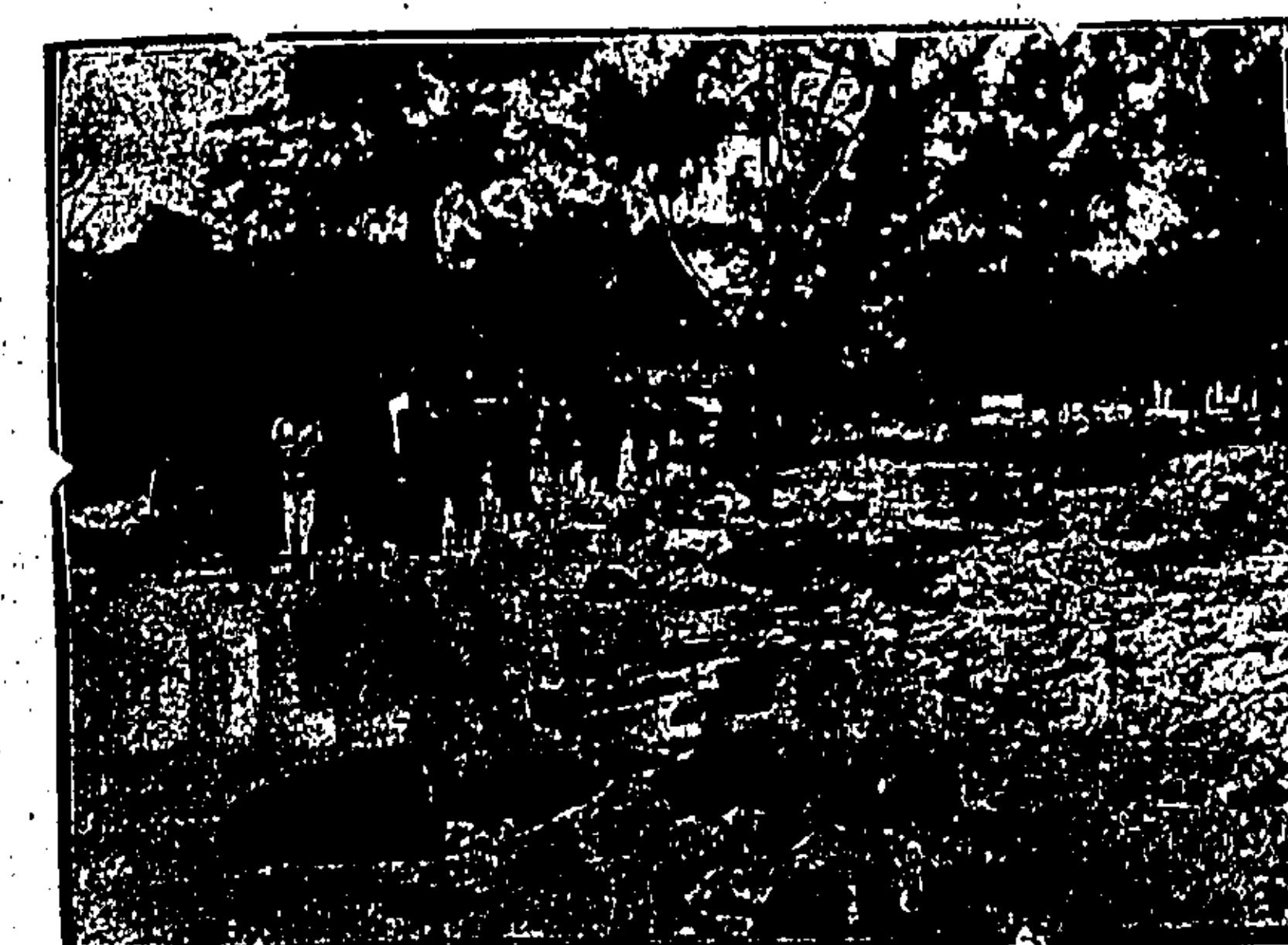


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Another view of the gruesome mass which was once humanity—
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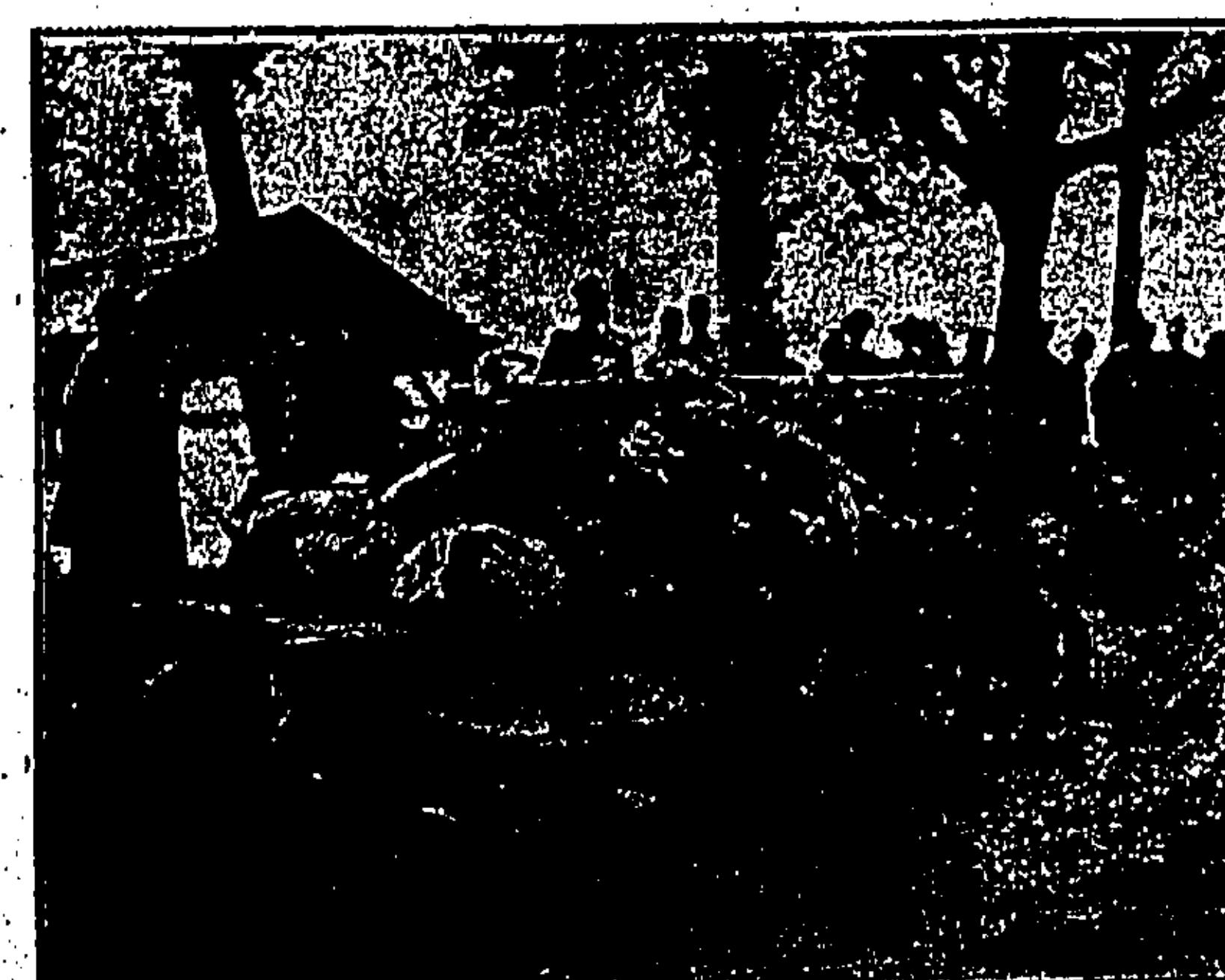


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A goods truck loaded with the mutilated bodies of Communists
who paid the extreme penalty.

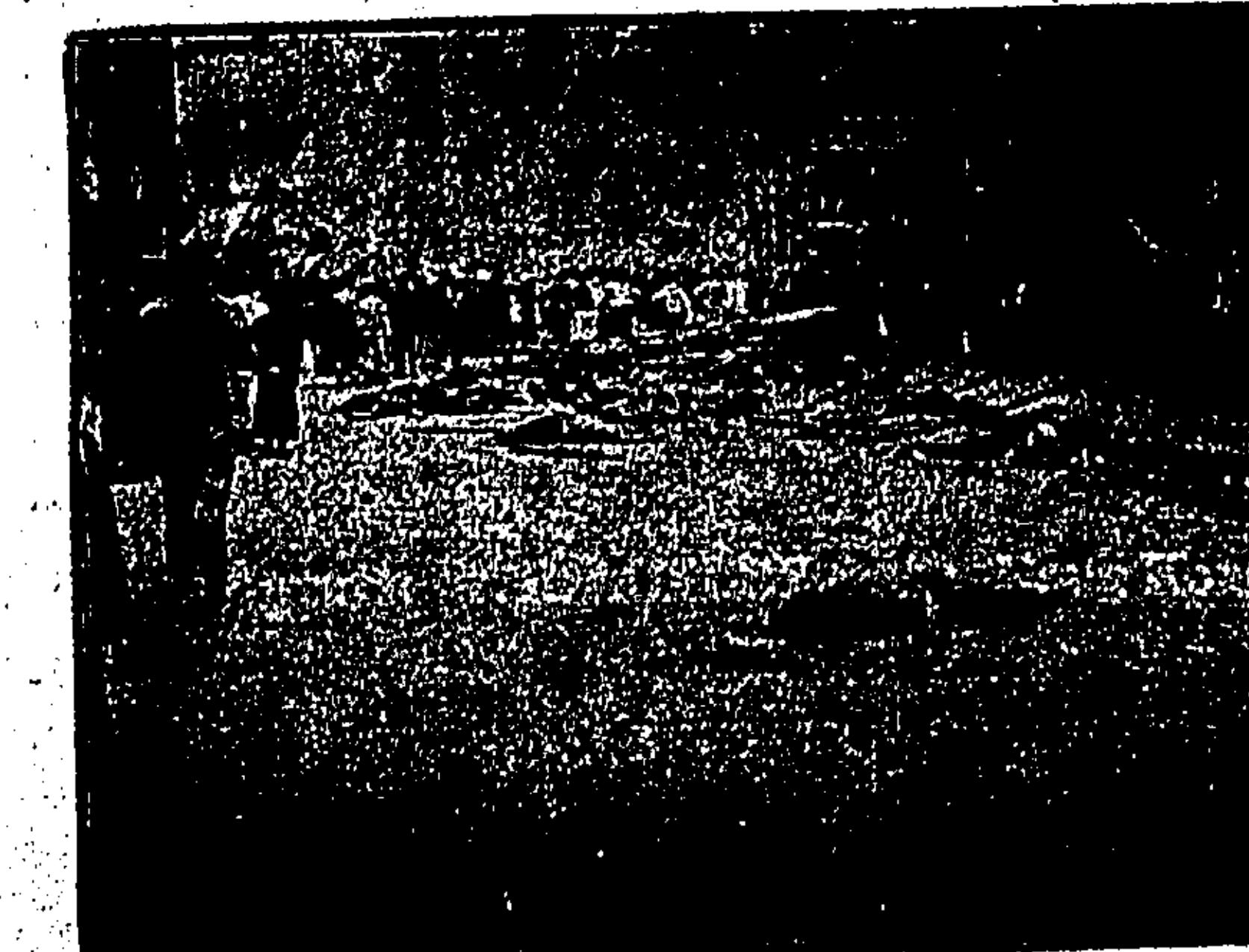


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Dead bodies of Communists who were mown down in a road
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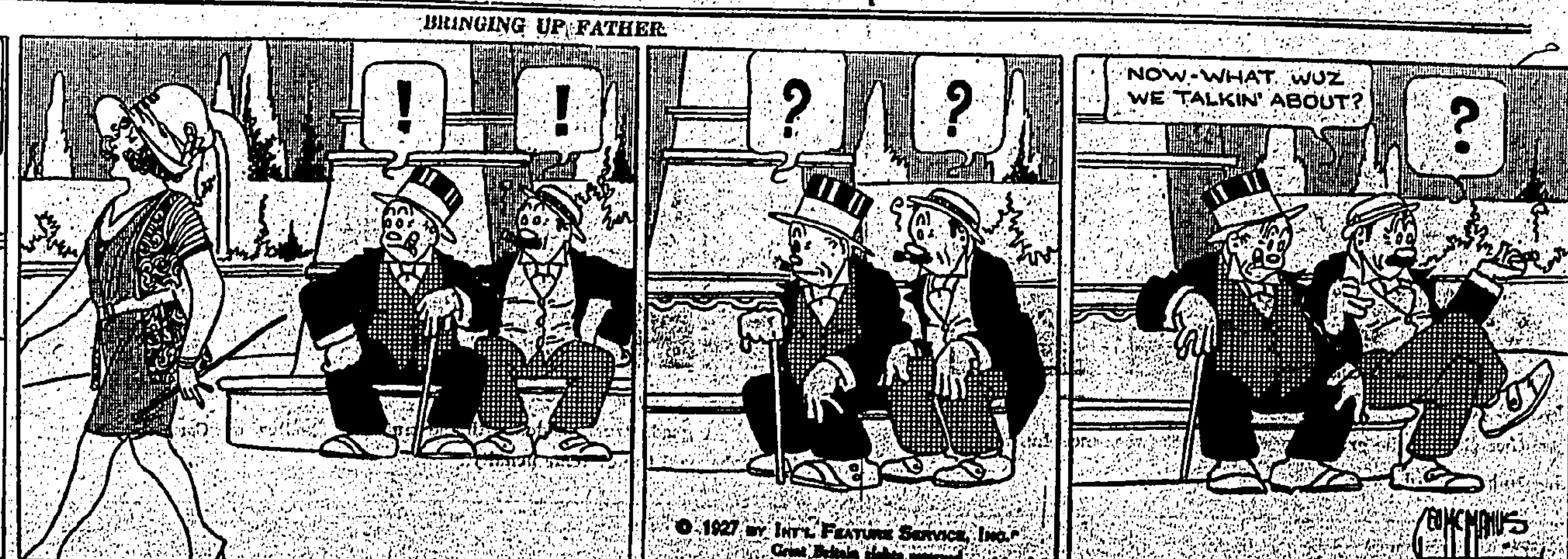
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"O hell, what have we here?" as the Prince of Morocco, forgetting himself, remarks when he picks on the wrong casket in Portia's drawing-room.

The Merchant of Venice, done by the Old Vic at the Lyric, Hammersmith, is an amazing combination—I will not insult the really big plays by saying "of big play and buffoonery"—but of sheer impossible prettiness and buffoonery, writes Mr. Hubert Griffith in the Evening Standard.

Think, if you can, of any play in the world's history with a duller opening than "The Merchant"—of Portia enumerating the qualities of her suitors, and trying to speak her lines as though they were really jewels of wit and observation; and of Nerissa listening to her, and in her capacity of "companion," trying to play up to her employer and flatter her illusion. Think of that scene between the Gobbos, father and son, where the humour is sustained by the younger pretending to the older, the blind one, (a) that he is not his son, (b) that his son is dead (remarkably funny, this), and (c) that he has got a beard because his father is touching the back of his head. I need hardly add that the older Gobbo, being a man of not necessarily more than middle age, is of course equipped with the falsetto voice that is one of the minor lunacies of Shakespearean acting.

Then think of the three casket scenes, of the Prince of Morocco, who surely must be Shakespeare's worst bore—much as that is saying—and of the Prince of Aragon, and of Bassanio, all going up to the same three caskets and all at interminable length spelling out the same drive—think of all these things, and then, with half the evening gone and not a line yet said worth saying, reflect that it is exactly this sort of thing that makes Shakespeare a name of open derision to many who might otherwise appreciate his choicer efforts.

A Shakespearian Fetish.

The question of cutting and compressing is an important one. The problem of doing all plays "in full" is fantastic. There are plays written in haste among the huge output of Shakespeare's short working-life—that are the better for slight pruning. There are other plays that, to our modern consciousness, deserve the scissors as ruthlessly as the first efforts of a novice. And yet so hopelessly has the whole question been overgrown and intermingled with Bardolatry that it may well be asked, "Who is going to take the trouble?" If precisely the same measure of applause goes out to the exquisite scene of Jessica and Lorenzo taking music in the garden as is given to the wheezings and caperings of the Gobbos—why worry?

Mr. Lewis Casson's Shylock was the surprise and success of the evening. He still, of course, largely overdid him. His make-up included a nose that must have weighed nearly half a pound. He made him filthy and unkempt (there is no particular warranty for this), and he was too apt to break out into rantings and railings. Shylock could obviously be cast in very different mould from this, as his chief defence is the quick, logical and witty retorts that he managed to get in to nearly everything that the Christians say to him.

A Shock.

Nevertheless, Mr. Casson's natural sanity came to the rescue. He seemed absolutely unable to recollect that Shylock was a celebrated character in the Shakespearean repertory, or to see him otherwise than as a man who had been a normal human being first, and was then driven outside himself by stress of emotion afterwards. I shall never forget the shock of surprise it gave me to hear Mr. Casson gabbling away at his opening lines, not as a great actor trying to play Shylock, but as a man honestly and whole-heartedly trying to represent a person. Mr. Eric Portman made a very promising appearance as Bassanio.

By the by, the note that Jessica gives to a servant, asking for it to be taken to Lorenzo "secretly," turned out to be about as big as the invitation from the Duchess in "Alice in Wonderland." A small matter. But enough to raise a laugh anywhere outside Shakespeare—that is to say, where production is taken seriously.

Has Norway at last got a worthy successor of Henrik Ibsen? ask the critics, and for the most part they answer in the affirmative. The new dramatist is a young man of twenty-five, Nordahl Grieg, a relative of Edward Grieg, who wrote the music to "Peer Gynt." Mr. Grieg had his first book published last year, "The Ship Goes On," and achieved considerable success. The novel has already been translated into nine languages. This autumn he has published a volume of poems and finished two dramas, one of which was presented at the National Theatre in Oslo and the other at the National Scene in Bergen, and both were successful.

The Drama presented at the National Scene in Bergen was called "The Love of a Young Man," and was rather conventional, but that presented at the National Theatre in Oslo marks a definite break with the old scenic technique. The play is called "Barabbas," with the description, "A drama of Palestine two thousand years ago, of China today, and of India to-morrow." There are no acts, and the drama develops through eight continuous tableaux.

The drama is built round the eternal conflict between the Christians and the worldly conception of life, and takes as its starting-point the opposition of a conquered nation against her oppressors, Barabbas and Christ representing the contrasted types of reaction. Generally speaking, the gravest objection against the drama is that the persons are not human beings, but mouth-pieces of abstract ideas. The presentation in Oslo was a great success.

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BRINGING UP FATHER.

The question of persons waiting in lounges and gangways at cinema theatres to obtain seats was raised at a meeting of the London County Council by Mr. J. D. Gilber, who asked if such arrangements conformed to the Coun's l's by-laws. He also asked whether the Theatres and Music Halls Committee would issue a circular or special warning to cinema proprietors pointing out the danger of such a practice.

Miss Rosamond Smith, chairman of the committee, replied that in a number of cinemas special waiting spaces had been provided at the request of the Council and in others persons were permitted to line up in the vestibule. Except in special cases, standing was not prohibited in the gangways at the sides and back of the seating, but sufficient space had to be left for persons to pass easily to and fro and to have free access to exits. In making requirements as to the number of exits an allowance was made for the possibility of persons standing or waiting.

STAR SALARIES.

The enormous salaries paid to theatrical stars, mainly feminine and almost exclusively in musical comedy and revue, has again been discussed in the papers by managers, some very highly paid actresses, and other players whose daily bread is not nearly so much jam on it. In my experience this controversy, like many others, leads nowhere. The managers say that the salaries are far more than they can afford to pay, but that they have no choice if they want to secure a popular actress or singer to whom other managers will pay \$200 or even £300 a week; and they add that if the same lady goes to America, she can get double these sums. The star quite naturally takes the view that she has worked hard to get to the top, and deserves to be well paid, and that unless she were worth £300 a week she would not get it—a statement which seems economically sound. But none the less the fact remains that these salaries of \$200, and even £300 a week, shorten the life of many entertainments in moderately-sized theatres, where, as Mr. Seymour Hicks pointed out recently, a manager has to pay about £80 of rent per performance instead of the pre-war rent of about £1. High salaries and swollen rents mean that a theatre has to be completely filled every night to earn any real profit; and high salaries and swollen rents are both due to fierce competition for theatres and stars. So there we leave the controversy in a bag's end.

A SCHOOL OF FILM ACTING.

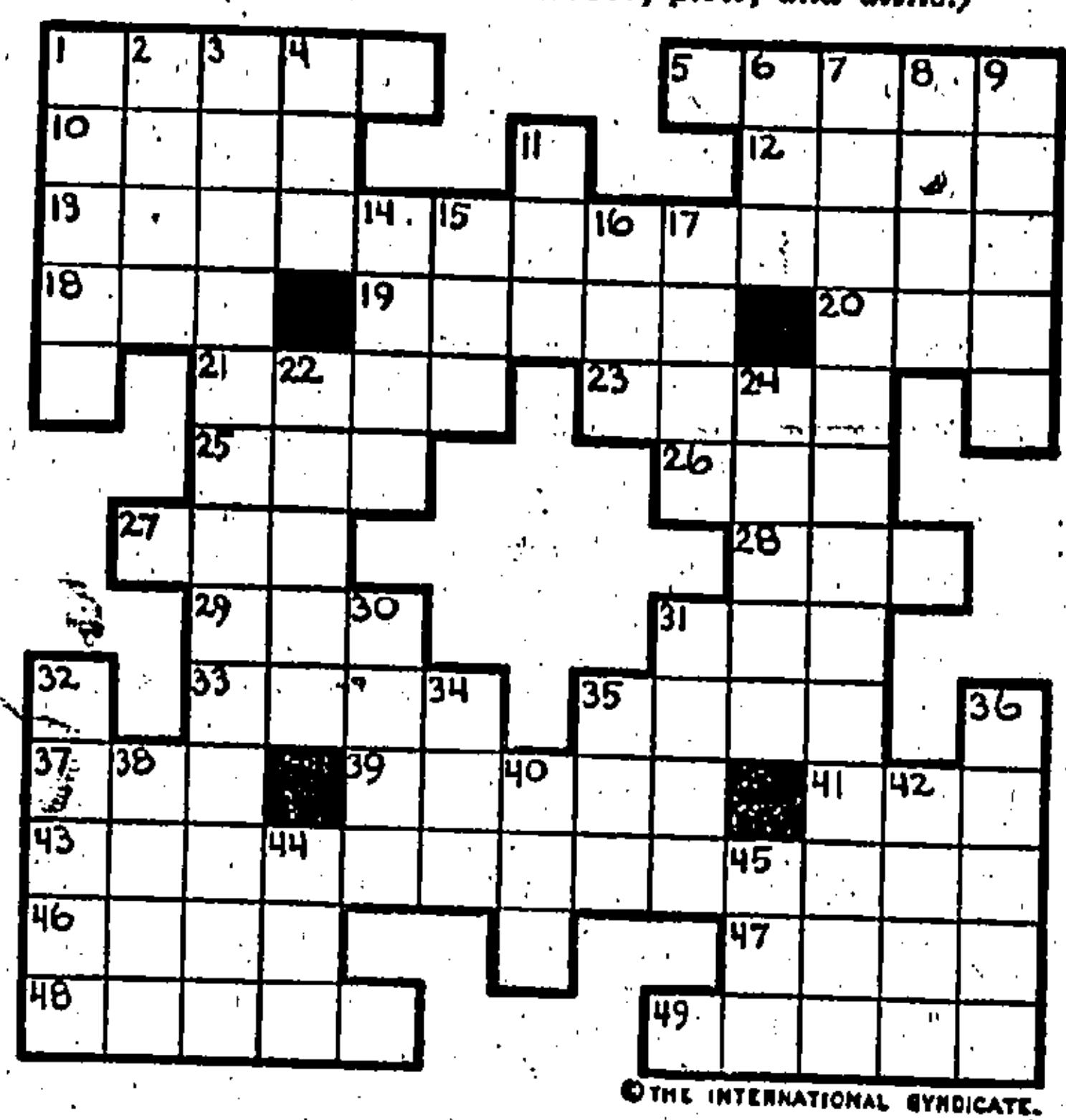
A beginning has just been made in London with the creation of a school for training actors and actresses for the films. There have been cinema schools before, but this is a more serious effort. In co-operation with some of the leading British film-making firms the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art is about to open a course for teaching film acting. The actual instruction will be given by well-known directors—a word which in this connection means the experts who actually superintend the making of the pictures—the essential masters of technique.

Already, thirty candidates have been chosen to take these courses out of about seventy who applied. Film actors and actresses are, of course, largely recruited from the regular stage, as is most convenient and natural, for although film technique differs in many important ways from stage acting the trained actor is usually best equipped for mastering it quickly. Now that here is a prospect of a big development in the British film industry an attempt is to be made to obtain a larger supply of actors and actresses who have had a special training from the start and who should have a fair chance of employment at the end of it. In other ways the British film industry is setting out to improve its technical equipment, such as by the pooling of sets of scenery.—"Manchester Guardian."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1927.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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CANADIAN TO STAND
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THREE CHARGES.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindsell committed Richard Charles William, a Canadian of many aliases, to stand his trial at the January Criminal Sessions on three charges of fraud, as enumerated in yesterday's "China Mail."

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., for the defence, pleaded "guilty" at the outset of the case and only served for the defence the right to argue on any point of law which might arise when the case came up at the sessions. After Mr. F. C. Jenkins (instructed by Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones) had outlined the facts of the case as already reported, evidence was called.

Chilean's Evidence.

The first witness was Sergeant Luiz Encina of the Chilean Carabiner Corps, one of two officers who brought the accused to Hong Kong from Santiago, where he was arrested under the name of Luiz Martin Lopez, Spanish subject. Encina gave formal evidence with regard to the bag which was brought to Hong Kong with the accused, and identified various articles produced by Mr. Jenkins as having been in the bag when they left Santiago.

Mr. d'Almada's cross-examination of this witness was interesting because of an attempt to explain that the accused's possession of the paints, brushes, etc., was for an innocent purpose. Counsel asked if the witness had seen any paintings done by the accused, and received the reply that the accused had painted some pictures whilst on the ship coming out to Hong Kong. The witness did not see any paintings done by the accused in Santiago. The only things the witness knew the accused had left behind in Chile were a pair of binoculars and a camera.

Mr. Agotthos Emanuel Melimarchi, a Greek national, who stated that he was the head of the Letter of Credit Department of the Jerusalem branch of the Banque Impériale Ottomane next gave evidence of identification of the accused, who as Charles Puig on July 27, 1926 bought a letter of credit at his bank for £200, for which the accused paid in the currency of Jerusalem. Since July 1926 the witness had not seen the accused again until that morning in Court.

Burned Letter.

Witness also identified the letter of credit which was alleged to have been burned by accident and he further identified the letter which was received by the Bank asking for a new letter of credit. On receipt of the letter, a fresh form was drawn up and sent to the defendant who acknowledged it in a letter sent from Mount Lebanon.

Mr. G. P. Lammert (Junior) then went into the witness box. He said he was a teller in the American Express Company, Hong Kong. He identified the prisoner as a man who called on December 2, 1926, at the bank and required £50 on a letter of credit of the Banque Ottomane. Witness accordingly gave defendant £450 in travellers' cheques and the equivalent of £50 in Hong Kong currency. Witness made up two drafts on the London branch of the Banque Ottomane, which were dishonoured in due course. The letter of credit was given by Puig on that occasion was one for £2,000.

This completed evidence for the prosecution and accused was committed.

TRIAL OF VARE.

Washington Dec. 6. The senate to-day began the trial of Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, and William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania. Senator Norris, as prosecutor, declared that Smith and Vare had been elected to the senate in campaigns so tinged with lavish expenditure as to put senatorships from Illinois and Pennsylvania on the auction block.—Associated Press.



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We have received a copy of an interesting booklet dealing with the harbour of Hong Kong and the docks, wharves, godowns and various undertakings associated with it.

The notes, which are by F. de Rome, B.Sc., and Rev. N. Evans, M.A., were originally compiled for the masters of junior classes in Ellis Kadoorie School and, as such, have been used in Geography lessons for the past eighteen months.

It was felt, however, that the information contained would be of value to older scholars and the general public and with a view to placing the information at their disposal, the authors have issued the book in printed form, together with some excellent photographs, at the price (at the bookstalls) of sixty cents a copy.

Several books, pamphlets and guides on the island of Hong Kong and the New Territories have appeared within the last few years, but this is probably the first covering and limited to the harbour and its trade. Within its nineteen pages is compressed general information regarding the harbour itself, islands, bays, rocks, lights, reclamations, entrances, fairways and buoys, anchorages, typhoons, tides, wharves, godowns, shipyards, steamship lines and routes, trade, etc. etc.

The information is provided in readable form and the photographs of the harbour and docks are excellently produced.

DANGEROUS GOODS.

LOCAL MINING COMPANY
FINED.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the representative of the Chuen Lee Mining Company was charged with removing twenty cases of dynamite and 16,000 detonators from Green Island, to No. 22, Walling Street without a permit and with being in possession of the said dangerous goods at the above address without a permit.

Mr. Lo said that he would plead guilty to the first charge. He understood that where two charges were brought in respect of one offence only one count would be proceeded with, the other being withdrawn.

Continuing Mr. Lo said that the defendant had a permit to remove the goods but he did not know how far that covered the case. His Worship pointed out that the objection was that the goods were stored in an ordinary dwelling house, and after further discussion, the Magistrate decided to impose a fine of \$50.

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